

CABLE CONTRACT

The new cable contract is available on the Town website at www.Fremont.nh.gov on the Cable Committee page. Printed copies are also available for review at the Town Hall and Fremont Public Library during business hours.

The failure of Article 23 has forced us to pursue alternatives, including amending the contract, with the hope of making the cable channel a reality for all Fremont residents in 2009. It has been the efforts of the Cable Committee and Board of Selectmen to offer and promote community involvement of our residents. The ability to view meetings while in the comfort of one's home will help to attain that goal.

The Selectmen's Office has also been receiving calls about the new franchise fees included on cable bills. The higher amount is expected to be in place for about two and a half years, and is planned to fund the re-engineering of Sandown and Raymond feed areas so that all Fremont residents watch the Fremont cable channel; the return line from Fremont to Exeter which would make live broadcast a reality; and fund the cable equipment the Town needs to purchase to offer live and taped broadcasting, and expansion of the informational ticker on Channel 22.

Please watch for more updates as they become available.

FREMONT GARDEN CLUB

On March 24th, at the Fremont Safety Complex, after a short business meeting, the Fremont Garden Club had a very special speaker, Mr Guy Giunta, who is a Landscape Specialist for the NH Department of Transportation. Mrs Barbara Rollins, Landscape Designer for NH assisted Mr Giunta for the slide presentation. Whenever you see beautiful wildflowers along the NH highways, Mr Giunta and Mrs Rollins are the persons who are responsible. Many types of wildflowers for different landscapes were discussed.

In addition, Mr Giunta is also the Chairman of the Governor's Lilac Commission and presented many lovely slides and interesting facts about New Hampshire's state flower, the Lilac. For example, did you know that there are between 2,000 to 2,500 different types of Lilacs?

Refreshments were provided by Aja Mahoney and Pat Richmond. The next FGC meeting will be on April 27, 2009 at 7 pm at the Fremont Public Library.

The FGC is a member of the NH Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc and the Nat'l Garden Clubs Inc, NE Region. For more information about the Club, go to www.gardencentral.org/nhfgc/fremont.

FREMONT HIGHWAYS

"Transportation planners have long held that sound roadway management involves rebuilding a road every twenty years. Once a roadway is built, it usually takes twenty years before it has deteriorated to the point of requiring reconstruction. For the past several years, the Fremont Highway Department has been allotted enough money to rebuild approximately one-half mile of roadway per year, however, the department would need to rebuild two and a half miles of roadway per year in order to maintain the recommended twenty year road reconstruction program." This excerpt comes from the Transportation Chapter of Fremont's Master Plan.

Many warrant articles were defeated at the March 2009 Annual Meeting, including the funds to repave roadway sections. This will affect the Town's ability to keep up with the regular wear and tear on Fremont roadways.

Articles to accept newly constructed roads (Moose Meadow and Risloves Way) will be on the warrant next year, as will an enabling article to allow the Board of Selectmen to accept roadways at such time as they are found to be fully constructed within the Town's guidelines. It has been expressed by many voters and residents that acceptance of roadways only at the Annual Meeting presents a problem, and should be done by the Selectmen. This will be on the warrant for voters to decide in 2010.

The road acceptance questions will also be reconsidered, such

that the residents who have homes on these roadways will receive all the same benefits as those who live on Town roads.

FREMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Fremont Historical Society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 12th at 7:30 pm in the Community Room at the Fremont Public Library. Our guest speaker will be Jo Radner of Lovell, Maine. She will give an insightful and interesting talk on the history of 19th Century handwritten New England town newsletters just like what Fremont had with the once popular "POPLIN HERALD" which was handwritten on a monthly basis by the Fremont Literary Society back in 1879 and 1880.

Refreshments will be served, and anyone interested in local history is always welcomed to attend our meetings and events. Contact the FHS at 895-4032 if you have any questions.

CAKE WALK THANK YOU

Thank you to all the families who came out to the PTA's "Cake Walk" on Saturday 3/28. We had 47 fabulous cake entries and A LOT of fun winning them! Everyone who attended got to vote for their favorite cake, in four age categories. The most popular cakes were: **Under 6:** Kyle Brown (M&M Fish Cake) & Isabella Gray (M&M Butterfly Cake). They each received a Webkinz and an Ellis School T-shirt. **6 – 12:** Monique Ricard (Hamburger Cake). She won a \$15 gift certificate to "To Your Arts Content" and an Ellis School T-shirt. **13 – 18:** Taylor Murray (Fancy 4 Tier Cake). She won 20 free bowling games at Strikers and an Ellis School T-Shirt. **Over 18:** Ashley Stone (Bee Hive Cake). She won a \$25 gift card to The Yankee Market and an Ellis School T-Shirt.

All "under 6" entries were awarded a wooden heart magnet with a rolling pin on it, for their hard work! Each ticket sold, to play for a cake, was also entered in a raffle for a Hannaford Baking Basket & Pantry Candle. The winner of the drawing was Sophie Webster.

The PTA had a free refreshments table set up and thanks all the folks who generously left donations!

The day was a great success and we are very excited to host the event again next year...get your creative thinking caps on! Jennifer Brown, PTA Member/Cake Walk Coordinator, 244-2721

ELLIS SCHOOL SAVES THE TREES

Ellis School Saves Six Trees in the Save the Trees Challenge!

Ellis School just cancelled over 600 catalogs in its first Save the Trees Challenge. The town's Daisy Girl Scout group launched the challenge and asked all Ellis students to participate. Why? Each year 100 million trees are sacrificed for the creation of junk mail in the U.S., creating greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to 3.7 million cars. Mrs. Pipitone's seventh grade students helped the Daisies by counting and organizing the catalogs. Now if these 600 catalogs cancelled by Ellis don't show up in the mail 4 times in the next year, Ellis School has just saved 24 trees and 12,000 gallons of water...a huge accomplishment and a step in the right direction for our planet! Great job everyone!

Now Ellis School invites you to join the challenge. All you need to do is call the 800 number listed on any unwanted catalog or go to the company's website and request to be taken off the mailing list. It's as simple as that. Every cancelled catalog saves trees, helps the environment, and clears unwanted clutter from your mailbox. It's a win-win situation!

If you have any questions or would like more information, you can contact Laurel Lloyd Earnshaw at 895-6633.

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

Applications to control larval mosquitos will begin on April 30, 2009 in the Town of Fremont. Larval mosquitoes will be controlled in areas such as marshes, red maple swamps, woodland pools, flooded fields, roadside ditches and flooded stormwater basins. Mosquito larvae found in street and parking lot catch basins will also be controlled. The primary control agent will be a bacterium

larvacide called Vectobac (BTI) or Vectolex (Bs). These environmentally- friendly biological controls are very specific to mosquito larvae and are used worldwide in mosquito control. The bacterium are naturally occurring and will not replicate itself in the environment. Applications to control larvae will continue as needed until November 30, 2009. Control agents will only be applied where larvae are collected.

Many mosquito breeding areas have been identified already. Please contact Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc (MPMS) if you have areas of standing water that may support mosquito breeding. Areas with flowing waters (streams, rivers) or deep water (ponds and lakes) typically do not support mosquito breeding.

Persons not wishing their properties treated must contact the Board of Selectmen in writing. The Board can be contacted by mail at PO Box 120, Fremont, New Hampshire 03044-0120 or by e-mail at Selectmen@Fremont.nh.gov. Letters can also be dropped off at the Selectmen's Office in person at 295 Main Street. Information on biological control agents, insecticides, areas likely to be treated or any potential hazards is available upon request to Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc at 603 431 0008 or by email to swampfixer@myfairpoint.net. MPMS Inc will provide mosquito control services for the Town of Fremont in 2009. ~ Michael Morrison, Entomologist / Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc.

FREMONT ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Energy Committee continues to pursue the goals of reducing energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions, with the initial emphasis being placed on town facilities and activities. As we proceed, our parallel goal is to reduce costs to the town by pursuing alternative funding sources in addition to the reduced costs achieved by using less fuel and electricity. The Energy Committee will also continue to provide information to home-owners and businesses on methods to reduce energy usage, and gain access to available government programs and tax incentives.

Briefly, the following projects are in process: Audit of Ellis School to improve building efficiency; Weatherize and install solar panels @ Safety Complex; PSNH has completed energy audit to retrofit municipal buildings with more efficient lighting; Contacted state and regional agencies to determine and apply for available stimulus and RGGI funding.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions; or if you wish to volunteer to participate in the many interesting projects which are on-going, please contact us @ 895-4013 or e-mail laron.robert1835@comcast.net.

COMING SOON: VEHICLE RENEWALS ON-LINE 24/7

The Town Clerk has been working for many months with a software company to offer Fremont residents a faster, more convenient system to renew their vehicle registrations. The Clerk's office will soon be implementing E-Reg, an online renewal system developed by Interware Development Company, Inc.

Currently available in over 20 states, online vehicle renewals is a convenient way for residents to renew your registrations without leaving the comfort of your home. With E-Reg, the Clerks' office is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Citizens can log onto the Internet, go to the Town's website, provide the information required from your current registration and pay for your registrations at your convenience. You will have the option to mail in your checks or complete the payment process online from your checking account. You need only supply your account number and bank's routing number to authorize direct payment. At the end of your transaction, you will receive a confirmation email verifying the renewal information was received. Once the transaction is completed, the Town Clerk then downloads and processes your renewals, prints your checks and mails out the registrations.

Resident's can renew in the month of their birthday and commercial vehicles can be renewed in their renewal month.

E-Reg accepts any plate types for the renewal of both Local and State portion of the registration. E-Reg also calculates new vehicle fees and renewal fees.

Future enhancements include E-mail renewal notices to customers, dog renewals on-line, and payment by credit & debit card. I encourage you to take a "test drive" and familiarize yourself with E-Reg at www.ereg.us.

CAMP FREMONT SUMMER PROGRAM

It's time to register for Camp Fremont!. Forms are being accepted for six week-long camp sessions running from July 6th to August 14th. Camp Fremont is a safe environment where your child can develop emotionally, socially, and physically for the summer. Campers participate in a variety of physical and arts & crafts activities, attend field trips and be entertained by educational presenters. Each session is offered according to an overall theme which will ensure that you are signing your child up for activities that they will enjoy. Field trips and a free Camp Fremont t-shirt are included in the tuition. Get application forms on line at www.Fremont.nh.gov on the Parks & Recreation page, or at the Fremont Town Hall during business hours. Forms will also be available at Ellis School.

CAMP FREMONT COUNSELORS

The Fremont Parks & Recreation Commission is accepting applications for Camp Counselors and an Activities Coordinator. Pay commensurate with experience. Camp Fremont runs from 7/6-8/14. Hours are from 7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Applications are available at the Fremont Town Hall or on the web at: <http://fremont.nh.gov/fnhgparkrec1.shtml> Contact Camp Director, Jen Jaquith, at missj1133@yahoo.com with questions. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

THE DOG LICENSE DEADLINE IS HERE!

The deadline for licensing your dog(s) for 2009 is April 30th. To prevent the initiation of a late penalty of \$1.00 per month you must license your dog(s) by the deadline. A current rabies vaccination is required for licensing, as the Clerk is required to retain a copy of the vaccination certificate. If you no longer have a dog(s) please contact the office so your name can be removed from the list. As required by RSA 466:1, all dogs must be licensed each year by April 30th. For your convenience, the license(s) can be mailed for an additional fee of \$1.00 per dog along with a self addressed stamped envelope. Fees are as follows: Unaltered: \$10.00, Spayed/Neutered: \$7.50, Puppies (3-7mos): \$7.50, over 65: \$2.00. Mail-in / convenience fee: \$1.00 per dog.

PEPPERMINT PONIES 4H CLUB AND SUMMER CAMP

Does your child love horses? Girls and boys ages 5 to 18 years are welcome to attend Peppermint Ponies 4H club meetings (as guests) every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 6 – 7:30 pm at North Road Farm, 370 North Road, Fremont, to learn more about equines, 4H and Summer Camp. Meeting dates: 4/22, 5/13, 5/27, 6/10, 6/24. No experience or horse ownership is necessary. Questions? Contact Jan Brubacher, Leader at 679-3367, j.brubacher@comcast.net, www.peppermintponies4h.org, www.northroadfarm.com or stop by to visit. Scholarships available.

HOOD MILK "3-A-DAY" CAP CHALLENGE

Fremont children (who do not attend Ellis School) participating in the challenge to collect twenty-five (25) "3-A-Day" Hood milk caps to receive a coupon for a FREE slice of pizza and a small drink at the Fremont Pizzeria have until Friday, May 8th to put their baggie(s) in the milk jug collection container located at either the Town Hall or Public Library. Please make sure that a yellow form (located in the milk jugs) is included with your milk caps.